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Report Highlights:

French pea production has been steadily declining since 1993 due to the lower profitability of pea crops for farmers. MY 2005/2006 area is also down to 340,000 hectares. About 1.05 Million MT annually (on average) of peas are used by feed compounders. France imports small quantities of feed peas, but exports significant amount of feed peas to its northern EU neighbors. In MY 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, France also exported significant amount of yellow peas to India and Bangladesh for snack production. Those large exports were not renewed for MY 2004/2005

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Executive Summary

French pea production has been steadily declining since 1993 due to the lower profitability of pea crops for farmers compared to other crops. MY 2005/2006 follows this trend with a 4 percent decline in areas planted to peas over MY 2004/2005 to 340,000 hectares. About 1.05 Million MT annually (on average) of feed peas are used by feed compounders, and less than 50,000 MT are used for human consumption. France imports small quantities of feed peas, mainly from neighboring countries. France exports significant amount of feed peas to its northern EU neighbors where there are used in feed production. In MY 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, France also exported significant amount of yellow peas to India and Bangladesh for snacks production. Those large exports were not renewed for MY 2004/2005

Production

French pea production has been steadily declining since 1993. MY 2005/2006 follows this trend with a 4 percent decline over MY 2004/2005 to 340,000 hectares. This trend is due to lower profitability of pea crops for farmers compared to grain, rapeseed or oilseed crops. A significant share (close to 15 percent) of the crop is fed to cattle on-farm. On the other hand, yields have been, on average, growing steadily with newer varieties available every year. For MY 2005/2006, as of late May, growing conditions have been good and the yields are expected to be above average.

Consumption

About 40 to 45 % percent of the fecrop (1.05 Million MT annually on average) is used by feed compounders. On average, 45,000 to 50,000 MT are used for seeds, and 25,000 MT for human consumption.

Trade

France imports small quantities of feed peas, mainly from neighboring countries and also a few shipments from further countries such as Hungary, labeled as feed peas for consumption in custom data, but which are more likely seeds.

France exports significant amount of feed peas to its northern EU neighbors (Belgium, Germany and Netherlands) where there are used in feed production. In MY 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, France also exported significant amount of yellow peas to India and Bangladesh. Those large exports were not renewed for MY 2004/2005 (as less than 80,000 MT of peas are expected to be exported to India and Bangladesh this MY). Flour of skinned yellow peas is used for snack manufacturing in those countries.

Statistical Tables

Commodity Peas		(1000 HA)(1000 MT)					UOM
		2003	Revised Post Estimate	2004	Estimate Post Estimate	2005	Forecast Post Estimate
		USDA Official [Old]	[New]	USDA Official [Old]	[New]	USDA Official [Old]	[New]
Market Year	Begin	07/2003		07/2004		07/2005	
							MM/YYYY
Area Harvested		0	363	0	357	0	340 (1000 HA)
Beginning Stocks		0	255	0	176	0	140 (1000 MT)
Production		0	1608	0	1623	0	1600 (1000 MT)

TOTAL Mkt. Yr.						
Imports	0	12	0	10	0	10 (1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Imports	0	12	0	10	0	10 (1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Import U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0 (1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	0	1875	0	1809	0	1750 (1000 MT)
TOTAL Mkt. Yr.						
Exports	0	537	0	550	0	500 (1000 MT)
Jul-Jun Exports	0	537	0	550	0	510 (1000 MT)
Feed Dom.						
Consumption	0	1087	0	1044	0	1045 (1000 MT)
TOTAL Dom.						
Consumption	0	1162	0	1119	0	1120 (1000 MT)
Ending Stocks	0	176	0	140	0	130 (1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	0	1875	0	1809	0	1750 (1000 MT)

Export Trade Matrix

Country France

Commodity Peas

Time Period	Jul-June	Units:	MT
Exports for:	2002		2003
U.S.		U.S.	1
Others		Others	
India	283201	Belgium	235864
Bangladesh	149775	Netherlands	116251
Belgium	142645	India	100670
Netherlands	48943	Italy	27819
Spain	28960	Spain	17406
Pakistan	28568	Switzerland	13034
Morocco	22122	Germany	12200
Cuba	20650	Ireland	4447
Italy	14204	Portugal	3796
Germany	12746	United Kingdom	3180
Total for Others	751814		534667
Others not Listed	50547		3974
Grand Total	802361		538642

Import Trade Matrix

Country France

Commodity Peas

Time Period	Jul-June	Units:	MT
Imports for:	2002		2003
U.S.	405	U.S.	339
Others		Others	
United Kingdom	4976	Belgium	4402
Netherlands	1842	United Kingdom	1862
Belgium	1648	Netherlands	1440
Hungary	1403	Hungary	1063
Italy	1310	New Zealand	565
Germany	756	Canada	553
Denmark	339	Germany	488
Madagascar	328	Spain	406
New Zealand	297	Italy	316
Austria	278	Denmark	272
Total for Others	13177		11367
Others not Listed	1265		406
Grand Total	14847		12112